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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 3,400 IN MAY TO 417,600

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 3,400 in May, due almost entirely to gains occurring in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 417,600 in May. This represents a gain of 3,400 over the April level of 414,200 and is 3,700 jobs more than the May 1984 total of 413,900.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island increased by 100 in May to 118,000. However, this figure was 2,600 jobs less than the May 1984 level of 120,600. In the Durable Goods category, the May employment total of 80,000 was unchanged from the April level and was down 2,200 from the figure recorded one year ago in May. The current Nondurable Goods employment of 38,000 was 100 jobs above the April total but was 400 below the level of May 1984.

Within the Durable Goods category, a monthly increase of 100 in Instruments was offset by a monthly decrease of 100 in Nonelectrical Machinery. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their April employment levels. Compared to a year ago, the only

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JOB OPENINGS WANTED FOR THE CLASS OF '85

Department of Employment Security Director John S. Renza urges Rhode Island employers with job openings to take a few moments and consider hiring from the Class of '85 – those young men and women graduating from college, from business and vocational schools and from high schools who are looking for their first job. These young people are eager to join the ranks of wage earners and contributors to Rhode Island's economy – and they are looking to you for that first opportunity.

The twelve local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service are prepared to process applications for the graduates and to evaluate their abilities, aptitudes and interests in order to match the job-seeker to the needs of the employer.

Rhode Island employers are reminded that job orders can be listed with the Job Bank – 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Job Bank listings receive next-day statewide exposure. Employers may also list job openings with the nearest Job Service office. A listing appears on page two of this Bulletin.

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, ...847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5293
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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*or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
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TJTC Job Orders. 277-3588
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
Total Placements	1,370	1,369	1,731
New Applications	2,757	2,827	4,328
New Openings Rec'd.	3,159	2,824	3,654

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	May 1985	Apr. 1985	% Change Apr. 1985
Initial Claims	8,789	10,549	- 16.7
No. of Payments	58,415	66,420	- 12.1
Amt. of Payments	$6,839,729	$7,886,578	- 13.3
Exhaustions	1,411	1,347	+ 4.8

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	May 1985	Apr. 1985
Initial Claims	1	438
No. of Payments	3,915	7,464
Amount of Payments	$ 384,047	$ 804,187

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
Civilian Labor Force	493.9	491.2	492.2
Unemployment	24.5	26.4	23.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.0	5.4	4.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.3	5.2	5.3

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	329.1	329.0	327.6
Unemployment	17.2	18.3	17.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.6	5.2

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	135.7	136.5	136.9
Unemployment	8.7	9.7	9.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.4	7.1	6.8

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	40,280	39,160	37,455
Unemployment	1,320	1,470	1,455
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.3	3.8	3.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
MAY 20 - 24, 1985

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	13,715	100.0
Men	6,904	50.3
Under 45	4,864	70.5
45 and over	2,040	29.5
Women	6,811	49.7
Under 45	4,456	65.4
45 and over	2,355	34.6
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,334	9.7
Manufacturing	8,207	59.8
Public Utilities	408	3.0
Wholesale and Retail	1,632	11.9
Finance-Insurance & Real Estate	172	1.3
Service	1,522	11.1
All Other	440	3.2
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,177	8.6
Clerical & Sales	2,369	17.3
Service	957	7.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	47	0.3
Processing	973	7.1
Machine Trades	2,197	16.0
Bench Work	2,731	19.9
Structural Work	1,632	11.9
Miscellaneous	1,601	11.7
INA	31	0.2

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	Apr. 1985	May 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	417.6	414.2	413.9	+ 3,400	+ 3,700
MANUFACTURING	118.0	117.9	120.6	+ 100	- 2,600
NONMANUFACTURING	299.6	296.3	293.3	+ 3,300	+ 6,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.3	12.5	13.3	+ 800	-
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.7	13.5	13.4	+ 200	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	90.0	88.7	87.2	+ 1,300	+ 2,800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.9	23.8	22.4	+ 100	+ 1,500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	100.8	99.8	99.2	+ 1,000	+ 1,600
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.9	58.0	57.8	- 100	+ 100

1985 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1984 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May 1985	May 1984	May 1985	May 1984	May 1985	May 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.0	117.9	120.6	+100	-2600	$311.25	$299.52	41.5	41.6	$7.50	$7 20
DURABLE GOODS	80.0	80.0	82.2	0	-2200	314.34	303.66	41.8	42.0	7.52	7.23
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.8*	0	- 100	314.29	306.61	41.3	41.1	7.61	7.46
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 100	373.63	394.80	40.7	43.1	9.18	9.16
PRIMARY METALS	5.9*	5.9*	6.1	0	- 200	383.67	361.23	43.5	42.8	8.82	8.44
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.3	9.3*	0	0	275.00	268.36	40.5	41.8	6.79	6.42
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.9*	6.0*	6.3*	- 100	- 400	405.13	380.72	42.6	41.7	9.51	9.13
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	11.9	12.4	0	- 500	283.63	269.28	38.8	40.8	7.31	6.60
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	10.2	10.2	9.9	0	+ 300	421.26	407.95	41.3	42.1	10.20	9.69
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.7	5.0	+100	- 200	297.74	299.46	41.7	42.0	7.14	7.13
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.5	22.5	23.3	0	- 800	243.49	222.48	39.4	39.1	6.18	5.69
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	- 200	223.01	224.69	34.1	34.2	6.54	6.57
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.0	37.9	38.4	+100	- 400	299.55	291.41	40.1	40.7	7.47	7.16
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 200	235.15	261.76	36.8	40.9	6.39	6.40
TEXTILES	11.0	11.0	11.3	0	- 300	316.47	301.60	41.1	41.6	7.70	7.25
APPAREL	3.3	3.3	3.7	0	- 400	244.77	231.07	39.1	38.9	6.26	5.94
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	278.66	285.24	41.1	42.7	6.78	6.68
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.0	6.0	6.0	0	0	415.24	368.45	39.1	36.3	10.62	10.15
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.1	3.2	+100	0	399.96	384.08	40.4	40.6	9.90	9.46
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0	332.88	311.83	43.8	41.8	7.60	7.46
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0	312.40	291.65	40.0	39.2	7.81	7.44
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0	207.32	209.80	40.1	41.3	5.17	5.08

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employment increase in Durable Goods was recorded in Transportation Equipment (+300). The largest job declines from a year ago were posted in Jewelry/Silverware (-800), Electrical Machinery (-500), and Nonelectrical Machinery (-400). Primary Metals, Instruments, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing each decreased by 200, while Lumber/Furniture and Stone-Clay-Glass were each down by 100 from May 1984. Employment in Fabricated Metals remained unchanged from a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, the only monthly job increase (+100) occurred in Chemical Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their April employment levels. On an annual comparison, advances were reported in Food/Beverage (+200) and Paper Products (+100). Annual job declines were posted in Apparel (-400) and Textiles (-300). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from last May's levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing industries increased 3,300 from April to May, primarily due to seasonal hiring in Trade, Services and Construction. The current level of 299,600 also represents an increase of 6,300 jobs over the May 1984 total of 293,300.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly increase (+1,300) occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade. At 90,000, Trade was also up 2,800 from its May 1984 employment level. As a result of a monthly job gain of 1,000, Service employment rose to 100,800, which was 1,600 higher than reported in May 1984. Contract Construction, at 13,300, registered a monthly addition of 800 jobs, but remained unchanged compared to last May. Transportation and Public Utilities payrolls increased by 200 for the month to a level of 13,700. This figure is a gain of 300 over a year ago. Total Government jobs declined by 100 from April, but the current total of 57,900 is 100 above the May 1984 level. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment, at 23,900, increased by 100 from April and by 1,500 from a year earlier.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 4 cents to $7.50 in May. This represents a 30 cent per hour gain compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.2 of an hour in May to 41.5 hours, which was also 0.1 of an hour less than May 1984. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in May amounted to $311.25, representing an increase of 17 cents from last month, and $11.73 from May of last year.

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